

## **The Sustainable Growth Rate System: policy considerations for adjustments and alternatives**

**ISSUE:** Policymakers face an extremely difficult challenge regarding Medicare’s future fees for physician services. Under current law, Medicare’s fees for these services are projected to decline more than 30 percent over the next several years, as required by the sustainable growth rate (SGR) system.

**KEY POINTS:** This session will explore several policy considerations that arise when examining alternatives to the SGR system.

**ACTION:** Commissioners will discuss potential directions that MedPAC could take in future work on the SGR payment system.

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